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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Courtney D. Fields	2137	

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2002.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-16 are pending.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Taiwan on 22 October 2001. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 90126025 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bones et al. (Pub No. 2002/0078386).

Referring to the rejection of claims 1 and 9, Bones et al. discloses a single sign-on system and method for a sign-on process to remotely operate an application program via a network, the single sign-on system comprising:

an application program server for saving the application program, at least one client computer connected to the application program server via the network, each of which receives sign-on information, operating the application program by signing on to the application program server with the sign-on information, and sending the sign-on

information after signing on to the application program server (See page 2, Section 0022)

a single sign-on server connected to the client computer, the single sign-on server for receiving and saving the sign-on information to the client computer when the client computer signs on the application program server (See page 2, Section 0024)

and updating the sign-on information saved in the single sign-on server by sending the sign-on information to the single sign-on server (See page 5, Section 0059)

Referring to the rejection of claims 2 and 10, Bones et al. discloses the claimed limitation wherein the client computer comprises:

an application program module for signing on to the application program server with the sign-on information and operating the application program and a single sign-on module for receiving the sign-on information from the single sign-on server, sending the sign-on information to the application program module (See page 2, Section 0022)

and sending the sign-on information to the single sign-on server computer when the application program module signs on to the application program server (See page 2, Section 0024)

Referring to the rejection of claims 3 and 11, Bones et al. discloses the claimed limitation wherein the application program module further comprises a window-based interface (See page 3, Section 0028, page 4, Section 0044))

Referring to the rejection of claims 4 and 12, Bones et al. discloses the claimed limitation wherein the sign-on information comprises a sign-on password (See page 2, Sections 0024-0025)

Referring to the rejection of claims 5 and 13, Bones et al. discloses the claimed limitation wherein the sign-on information comprises a sign-on account (See Column 4, lines 12-17, Column 10, lines 38-65)

Referring to the rejection of claims 6 and 14, Bones et al. discloses the claimed limitation wherein the network is a private network (See page 2, Section 0023)

Referring to the rejection of claims 7 and 15, Bones et al. discloses the claimed limitation wherein the network is a local area network (LAN) (See page 2, Section 0023)

Referring to the rejection of claims 8 and 16, Bones et al. discloses the claimed limitation wherein the network is a wide area network (WAN) See page 2, Section 0023)

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. He (US Patent No. 5,944,824) discloses a system and method for single sign-on to a plurality of network elements.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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